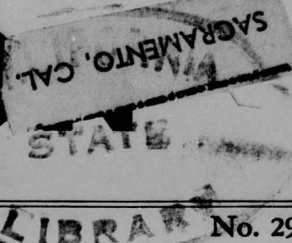


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## AFL Leaders Placed on Chronicle Forum Panel

In preparation for its second annual Forum, the *San Francisco Chronicle* announced on August 12 its advisory committee to guide arrangements and determine agenda.

Among those selected were two prominent members of the AFL movement of San Francisco in the persons of Wendell J. Phillips and Jack D. Maltester. Phillips is secretary of local Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union, No. 484. Maltester serves Printing Specialties and Paper Converters Union, No. 362. Both men are eminently qualified to serve on the local morning paper's civic endeavor and are well-versed in the Labor principles to expound the causes of Labor in an unbiased manner.

*Chronicle* Editor, Paul C. Smith, who extended the invitations to leaders of Labor, management, agriculture, and the general public, stated that the advisory committee will serve as individuals rather than as representatives for the groups, thus the problems to be approached will be approached on a community basis rather than from partisan viewpoints.

The first Forum, held last year, was declared to be a success if for no other reason than a wide viewpoint was made possible by the panel discussions which were released to the public. This year's Forum will meet December 6, 7 and 8.

Wendell Phillips is presently a member of the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council and has assisted in settlements of many threatened strikes. He is also a member of the Regional Wage Stabilization Board and formerly served as member of the State Employment Commission. Jack Maltester, besides his many union duties, serves as a member of the Regional Wage Stabilization Board and was recently appointed a member of the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations' advisory committee.

## Nine-Year-Old Fight Won by Cemetery Workers' Union

After a nine-year effort to unionize the Sunset View Cemetery and Sunset Mausoleum in El Cerrito, the Oakland local of Cemetery Employees Union, crowned their efforts by signing an agreement with the firms on Friday, August 9. Co-operation of the Alameda and Contra Costa Labor papers, Alameda and Contra Costa Central Labor Councils, Teamsters' 70, Chauffeurs, Embalmers' 923 of Alameda county was freely given and in no small way insured the success of this fight.

The agreement signed with the above employers contains all of the provisions of existing contracts that are in force with all other cemetery owners in the Bay Area, guaranteeing full union membership in 30 days. Additionally, all cemeteries on both sides of the Bay are organized by Cemetery Employees Union, Eugene Guiney, business representative of the union, stated.

## Regular ILO Session in Sept.

MONTREAL (ILNS)—The regular sessions of the International Labor Conference opening here September 19 will be held in the buildings of the University of Montreal on Mount Royal Boulevard. Announcing the meeting place, Edward J. Phelan, acting director of the International Labor Office, said that the ILO was grateful for the university's offer to put its facilities at the disposal of the conference. The session will be the 29th conference of the ILO since the organization was established in 1919.

## IATSE Election Results

CHICAGO (AFLN)—Richard F. Walsh, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (AFL), and his entire slate were re-elected at the annual convention of the union here. Walsh was given 649 votes to 426 for William Bennett of Washington. The convention gave Walsh authority to suspend portions of the union's constitution granting locals autonomy in disciplining their members. He also was empowered to take "immediate steps to rid the International of any subversive, radical or communistic groups."

## Electrical Workers' Pamphlet

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—A new pamphlet, "Your Trade Unions, the IBEW," has been issued by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers it gives information on the union in question and answer form.

## Presentation!

NEW YORK (ILNS)—A granite bust of President Roosevelt will be presented to the Franklin R. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, N.Y., by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, David Dubinsky, president of the union, announced.

The bust is the work of the distinguished sculptor G. W. Derujinsky, who also made the bust of "Teddy" Roosevelt which has been on exhibit for several years at the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial House here.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, in commenting on the gift of her late husband's bust to the Hyde Park Library said: "Two of my sons and I have seen the bust and like it very much, so we are extremely grateful for this gift to the library from the ILGWU."

## Lasting AFL Group Established

The American Federation of Labor Central Labor Councils and Building Trades Councils of Alameda and Contra Costa counties together with the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council announce the formation of a permanent Anti-inflation Steering Committee. This committee will endeavor to enlist the participation of all other central bodies of the AFL and the International Association of Machinists, not already committed to the program, for the purpose of utilizing the tremendous purchasing power of the members affiliated in such a way as to force prices downward to a reasonable level commensurate with the hourly wage now being earned.

The impact of price rises since June 30, 1946, has reduced the value of the dollar in excess of 25 per cent. Or translated into realistic terms the American workman has thus far taken a pay cut of more than one quarter of his earnings. This condition will become increasingly worse as prices continue their upward spiral unless immediate action is taken through concerted action of our union membership.

Announcement of this program was made by Mr. B. E. McDonald, chairman of a Public-Anti-inflation meeting held in the Oakland Auditorium Theatre recently. Mr. McDonald acknowledged with thanks the donations of goods and services of public-spirited individuals

## Correspondents, Note!

Once again the Labor Clarion is requesting your indulgence and co-operation in the matter of copy. The Labor Day Number of the paper will be dated August 30, 1946. Copy for the Labor Day Number will be closed August 26 and must reach either the Danner Publishing Company's 224 Seventh street plant or the Labor Clarion's office, 2940 Sixteenth street, on that date.

and organizations who made the meeting possible without expending a single dollar. On the list for special commendation are the following: *Journal Press*, Swanson Sound Service, Mr. L. G. Renshaw of Pathfinder Flying Service, Oakland Airport, Industrial Equipment Co., Stover Studios, Ladies Auxiliary, No. 97, International Association of Machinists; Mr. Harold L. Smith and Mr. B. E. McDonald of Lodge No. 284, International Association of Machinists; Mr. Frank McDonald, president California State Building Trades Council, AFL; Mr. Matt Tobriner, Council of Teamsters' attorney; Mr. Robert Ash and Mr. William Fee of the Alameda County Central Labor Council; Local No. 878 Sign Painters Union, AFL; Local 1546, Auto Mechanics, I.A. of M.; Anderson Garage; Local 169, Motion Picture Operators Union, AFL; City of Oakland, and many others.

Mr. Dan Flanagan, western representative of the American Federation of Labor has indicated that the AFL Steering Committee may effectively supplement the policy of the AFL to continue production as rapidly as possible while at the same time taking action to arrest inflation. Through this treatment of the problem a balance of the national economy may be more rapidly achieved.

All members of the American Federation of Labor are urged to do their share to protect their own pocket-book by giving every aid and assistance to the work of the AFL Anti-inflation Steering Committee.

## 1408 Disputes Settled

WASHINGTON (AFLN) — Conciliation Service settled 1,408 Labor-management disputes in June, 1,095 before reaching the strike stage.

## CIO Clan Gathering In Cannery Battle

From the way it looks at present, Southern California is stark naked of CIO big shots. The reason for the migration from the soothing climate of Southern California to the invigorating climate of Northern California can be solved in two words: "cannery workers."

Sometime ago an NLRB election was conducted among workers who "can" the bulk of the Nation's canned goods. Some irregularities of that election were pointed out by AFL people, and after much effort a more just and equitable election was ordered.

It seems that the CIO "big shots" saw some hand-writing on the walls of their super offices and they decided they had better get off their CIO britches and do something. That is what they are doing now. Only, they are beclouding the issues with hordes of professional organizers who never saw a cannery until a few short days ago. Their high-pressure propaganda gentry are grinding out reams of reading trash and their tricksters are circulating among the workers.

Of course, the AFL Cannery Workers Union has not been exactly idle. The people comprising the operating forces of the many canneries in Northern California know that their present AFL contracts are just about "tops" and that promises of improvements offered by the FTA-CIO are not based on solid facts. All AFL unions in this part of the State have promised assistance to the AFL cannery people to maintain their decent standards which they have won by hard work. Raiding tactics of the CIO has brought confusion, but the light of good, sound unionism is prevailing. The CIO formerly cried that they were "organizing the unorganized." Cannery workers, with their good contracts under the AFL, wonder what they have been doing the last few years. They remember too well the exploitation they underwent at the hands of unprincipled so-called Labor leaders. They will not be backed into a corner by the CIO, or anyone else, for that matter.

## AFL Bus Union Wins More Pay Without Strike Threat

NEW YORK (ILNS)—What was described as the first bus contract in Queens county to be negotiated without the threat of a strike or without arbitration proceedings has been ratified by employees of the Triboro Coach Corporation organized in an American Federation of Labor union.

The agreement, which was worked out by committees representing the company and Local 1104 of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, providing wage increases of 15 cents an hour for the period from April 1 to December 31, 1946, and 18 cents an hour from January 1 to June 30, 1947.

The 15-month contract period was arranged because of the desire of the union to have all its contracts covering Queens bus companies expire on a uniform date.

## Housing Strikes at Low

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt announced that work stoppages affecting construction of homes are at the lowest point since the beginning of the Veterans' Emergency Housing Program, and he termed this situation as "extremely important" to the success of the program, expressing the hope that decreases would continue. One of the most important goals of the VEHP is to keep work stoppages and disputes at a minimum so that the flow of building materials and construction of homes can proceed without unnecessary hinderance. Mr. Wyatt credited the co-operation of Labor and management, and the Conciliation Service for "this splendid record" of uninterrupted work.

## Pullman Board Appointed

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—President Truman has named Dr. A. L. Sharfman, chairman of the economics department at the University of Michigan, to head an emergency board set up to consider a wage dispute affecting 2,700 Pullman conductors. Other board members are Dr. Walton Hamilton, professor of public law at Yale, and Judge Robert G. Simmons of the Nebraska Supreme Court. Truman ordered creation of the board July 27, thereby halting for the time being a threatened strike August 7 of the Pullman conductors.

## Bay Area Employment Figures Are Increased

As a result of seasonal expansion in the canning industry, manufacturing employment in the San Francisco Bay Industrial Area increased sharply between June and July.

According to preliminary returns, the number of manufacturing wage earners rose to 121,400 in July from 117,500 the previous month. In July 1940, 80,900 production workers were employed in area manufacturing industries.

Factory employment in the nondurable goods division rose to 60,000 production workers from 55,700 in June. This June-July increase was primarily the result of seasonal gains in the canning industry and more than offset losses occasioned by vacation shutdowns in the apparel group. The current level in all nondurable goods industries combined compares with 45,300 in July 1940.

Preliminary reports indicate that factory employment in durable goods industries in the area decreased slightly from the June level of 61,800 wage earners as losses in some groups were partially offset by moderate gains in others. Production workers in durable goods industries as a whole numbered 35,600 in July 1940.

### 500,000 New Homes

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Construction of nearly 500,000 homes was begun and 225,000 were completed in the first six months of this year, Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt, announced here. Striking a note of high optimism the housing chief declared there was every reason "to be very much encouraged by the home building picture."



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## Mr. Secretary: 'Have You Sent That Questionnaire?'

All unions which have not as yet responded to the 1946 *Organized Labor Questionnaire* recently distributed by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the Department of Industrial Relations are urged to do so at once. Post-war reconversion is bringing far-reaching changes in the State's industrial pattern and it is important to record changes in the Organized Labor Movement during this period.

The *Union Labor Questionnaires* and the agreements are of the utmost importance as a source of facts concerning union hours, wages, and working conditions and co-operation of all local unions is necessary if the records are to be complete.

All questionnaires, together with copies of all current agreements, should be mailed to the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, 507 Polk street, San Francisco 2, as soon as possible.

## Purchasing Facts

### Monopolistic Trade Marks Legalized

President Truman has signed the Lanham Trade Mark Act. This act will preserve and strengthen monopolistic controls over trade marks, thus making it easier to gouge consumers for a variety of products, particularly drugs.

The new trade mark law permits monopolistic exploitation of names which the buying public may come to associate with types rather than brands of drugs and other products. Under the Lanham Act, manufacturers can register brand names; continuous use of the trade mark for five consecutive years thereafter makes the trade mark incontestable.

Such names as "aspirin," which under the old law could be regarded as the name of a product rather than a specific trade mark, would become under the new law the monopolistic possession of the manufacturer who has obtained the trade mark. Consumers will be the victims of this strengthening of monopolistic controls.

### Potato Juice Liquor

Distillers are now using fermented potato juice in blended whiskeys. Blends are appearing on the market that contain 70 per cent potato neutral spirits. Straight corn and rye liquors are added to the potato alcohol in the production of these blended whiskeys.

Straight bonded whiskeys are extremely scarce and the distillers stretch their supplies by producing blends that contain mostly neutral spirits—that is, alcohol. Because of the shortage of grain, they are turning to potato alcohol for neutral spirits.

Whiskey has to be aged four years before it can be sold as a bonded product. It will therefore take a number of years before bonded whiskey is available again, since there was a production holiday in 1943 and 1944. And this year the industry's consumption of grain has been sharply curtailed.

Source of material for this column: Consumers Union, New York City.

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## Caution Is Urged in Backing CMA Group

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—Claiming to be interested in performing a public service by placing before members of interested organizations the problems that face Californians, the California Manufacturers' Association nevertheless spends considerable time in making broadside attacks on the practice of paying unemployment benefits and other alleged abuses, without taking time to check the facts.

Recently this organization succeeded in getting considerable publicity in the newspapers for its campaign designed to discredit the California Employment Stabilization Commission, which administers unemployment benefits, and at the same time sought to obtain support for lower merit rating for the employers. While professing to be extremely friendly toward Labor and eager for its co-operation, this association has demonstrated by its actions a contrary interest and purpose. Declarations of sincerity and desire to do public service are not sufficient if they are not supplemented with action corresponding to such intentions.

The California State Federation of Labor urges its affiliates to be critical of any approach of this kind and to consult with it before engaging in any activity based on collaboration with this association, until an understanding is reached as to just what the California Manufacturers' Association's motives might be.

## Temporary Agreements Expected To Avert AFL Seamen's Strike

NEW YORK (ILNS)—An interim agreement between the AFL Seafarers' International Union and the Atlantic and Gulf Ship Operators Association is expected by the operators to avert a threatened strike, on which union tellers have been taking a ballot count. As a result of the agreement, signed at the War Shipping Administration's offices, the Alcoa Line announced that the coastal liner George Washington, which has missed several scheduled voyages to Bermuda, would sail August 17 and would maintain thereafter a weekly service to the southern island, barring further labor difficulties. Other lines resumed operation with vessels affected by the dispute over wages and working conditions. Between 20 and 30 ships have been held or delayed in recent weeks by individual job actions, but no strike has been officially called.

## Andrew Higgins' Investigation

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Andrew Jackson Higgins, an obscure builder of pleasure boats who bounded into the multi-million-dollar contractor class during the war as a producer of landing craft, faces Federal Grand Jury investigation into his financial transactions with the Government. This was disclosed when Frank Cunningham, New Orleans lawyer, was sworn in as a special assistant to the U. S. Attorney General to prosecute cases growing out of an extensive study by the Justice Department.

Informed at New Orleans of the impending inquiry, Higgins emphatically denied that any of his companies engaged in war frauds or false claims.

However, a letter from Attorney General Tom Clark declared that Higgins and his associates concealed and covered up by trick, scheme or device, material facts and made "fraudulent statements." The letter of the Attorney General also charged the group had made false bills, receipts, vouchers, accounts, claims, certificates and affidavits, knowing that these were "fraudulent statements."

## Conciliation Head S.F. Visitor

Edgar L. Warren, director of the United States Conciliation Service, was a visitor in San Francisco recently. He conferred with regional directors of the service on the many problems confronting them.



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## Japs Are Wising Up; Defeat 'Reds' at Polls

NEW YORK (AFLN)—Heeding the advice of AFL President William Green to strike a body blow at Communist influences, right wing elements in the Japanese Federation of Labor scored a decided victory over the leftist faction in the recent election, it was revealed in special dispatches to the *New York Herald-Tribune*.

Komakichi Matsuoka, a leader of the conservative bloc of the Social Democratic Party and candidate for president of the Federation, polled 594 votes to 127 for Kanju Kato, a leftist leader of the same party.

The important post of secretary general went to Toraiichi Hara, a Matsuoka-supported candidate who is a violent anti-Communist, by a vote of 642 to 93 for Ineru Kakano, a leftist candidate. The three vice-presidents chosen are also right, according to Japanese sources, the dispatches said.

The federation, which is similar to the American Federation of Labor, issued a manifesto which included strongly voiced opposition to the government-sponsored labor-relations adjustment bill, although Matsuoka aided in drafting the bill.

The federation went on record as favoring a strong Labor Front regardless of party affiliations. Members stated their willingness to include Communist elements, provided the latter agree to become more flexible in their policies. However, no Communist delegates were present at the convention, and there is a strong feeling that further overtures to the Communists would be unwarranted.

## Two Billion Dollar Annual Highway Program Advocated

SPOKANE (ILNS)—An annual highway program of more than \$2 billion, featuring "built-in safety" and providing "facilities far in advance of anything the country has ever known," was advocated here as an essential stimulus to the nation's economy and a preventive for "mass unemployment and depressed conditions."

Addressing the highway division of the American Society of Civil Engineers at that organization's annual convention, Charles M. Upham, engineer-director of the American Road Builders' Association, Washington, D.C., called on the 48 States to assure prosperity and, at the same time make up the "highway deficit" resulting from the depression and aggravated by the war, by making use of the \$2,212,000,000 in federal-aid and matching funds now available.

## Economic Council Urged

CHICAGO (ILNS)—A program asking that government domination of the true spirit of collective bargaining stop and that a National Economic Security Council be formed by Labor, business and agriculture to bring economic security for the American people, was adopted by the executive board of the AFL-United Automobile Workers of America, meeting in Milwaukee.

In the executive board action a wire was sent to President Truman asking him to set up a committee composed of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Commerce for the purpose of calling together the recognized national leaders of industry, Labor and agriculture to form a permanent National Economic Security Council free from governmental influence or participation.

## Grain Allocation Protested

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—The Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers International Union and the Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor have protested to government authorities against inequities in allocation of grain to distillers. They charged that commercial alcohol plants, particularly some in Pennsylvania, are being accorded better treatment than beverage distilling plants.

## AFL Getting Results In Southern Drive

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ILNS)—The American Federation of Labor's big organizing drive in the South is getting results.

George L. Googe of Atlanta, heading the drive, reported that between 80,000 and 85,000 Southern workers have joined AFL unions since the drive began.

Googe, who is chairman of the Southern Campaign Policy Board of the AFL, composed of 42 members representing 12 Southern States, said at a meeting of the board here:

"The approximately 85,000 members who have been taken into membership in established unions throughout the South might well be equivalent of more than 400 new unions if we used the same yardstick as the political action groups within the labor structure."

## Union Label Column

UNION LABEL—ONE BEST BET!

I. M. ORNBURN

Secretary-Treasurer Union Label Trades Department, AFL

In these critical times when so many problems face the average American, it is difficult to convince all members of Trade Unions and Women's Auxiliaries that their best bet is to concentrate on buying union label goods and using union services.

However, I believe our mighty army of consumers in these two powerful movements can be convinced that the best way to solve all of their economic problems is to patronize only those firms that display union labels, shop cards, or service buttons. When they are completely sold, every store will carry a complete line of union label products and employ only union services.

To carry on the union label campaign it gives the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor extreme satisfaction to know that we have able leaders of both trade unions and women's auxiliaries carrying our worthy crusade into every business place and home of America. I take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for the good work they are doing.

Buyers' strikes against high-priced goods are becoming popular. Why not turn these proposed strikes into union label buyers' strikes and refuse to buy any article without a union label on it?

Demand for them will increase the supply of union label goods on the shelves of every store in America. If there is no demand for them, manufacturers—many of whom are union—will not display the union label.

Of course, we desire to prevent inflation. When prices are too high we should purchase only the necessities but a 100 per cent-effective buyers' strike would create unemployment. However, a demand for union label goods at any time secures the jobs of union workers. In fact, this must be done in order to have sufficient purchasing power to keep the wheels of union industry spinning. Let's have our own buyers' strike against unfair products. Let's buy union label goods.

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## 200 Released by NLRB Through Budget Slash

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Announcement was made by the National Labor Relations Board that it will be obliged to drop some 200 workers, or 20 per cent of its staff of approximately 1,000 due to \$500,000 budgetary cut.

Employees being laid off are mainly clerical workers and field examiners working on a temporary basis, although many have had two and three years experience.

The retrenchment is expected to delay the completion of accumulating cases. Labor organizations and employers have complained from time to time that there have been "unconscionable" delays in processing cases.

Because of veterans' preference, many employees with considerable experience are being dismissed to permit retention of veterans with three or four months' experience. This, too, it was said, may be expected to slow the disposition of new cases.

At the board's offices it was said that charges of discrimination and refusal to bargain collectively were increasing.

## Wage Stabilization Ruling

John B. McCourt, chairman of the 12th Regional Wage Stabilization Board, announced that he has been notified by the national board that the Office of Economic Stabilization has ruled that an additional 5-cent wage increase granted recently to more than 45,000 West Coast lumber workers cannot be used as a basis for further increases in lumber prices. Issuance of the ruling means that the increase, under terms of agreements reached by the operators and the lumber unions last May, will go into effect immediately for most of the workers and will be retroactive to last April 1. Payment had been withheld pending issuance of the ruling but terms of the agreements, in all except one instance, calling for payment upon receipt of the ruling, regardless of the nature of the action.

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## Disaster Prevention

The proposition that a thorough search of night spots, hotels, lodging houses and homes should meet with no opposition by citizens. It cannot be considered an invasion of one's domain; rather, it is a civic duty to allow such inspection. Property loss by fire in this city is too high in spite of all that the efficient personnel of our fire department can do. Loss of property is bad. But loss of life is quite another thing. The editor of this paper believes that criminal charges should be instituted against any one guilty of maintaining premises that endangers his neighbor where fire hazards are concerned. Another Boston fire will happen in this city unless night spot operators co-operate. We believe they will, not only for protection of their financial investment but for the community spirit they have displayed in other matters. Too often it takes a disaster to correct an error. Let's correct this fire hazard business before a disaster happens. The *San Francisco Examiner* should receive the commendation of all citizens of our city for its independent investigation into fire hazards.

## Get 'Em While Getting is Good

The Unemployment Compensation Commission of New Jersey is giving former service men in the State some good advice—advice that is just as good for veterans in every State. The commission is urging the veterans to resign from the "52-20 Club" and get jobs while they are still available.

Noting that New Jersey veterans had drawn about 50 per cent of their unemployment benefits, a spokesman for the agency said veterans who delayed readjustment to civilian life by using up their benefits would have no backlog to turn to after they were exhausted. There are many job openings now for alert veterans, he said, but these will become increasingly scarce.

In the third week of July the U.S. Employment Service reported that 40,000 veterans in Essex, Hudson and Union counties of New Jersey, were drawing readjustment pay.

## Chronicle Forum

The announcement by the *San Francisco Chronicle* that the second annual Forum instituted by that paper last year will be held this year (December 6, 7 and 8) will be applauded by citizens in our San Francisco community and communities of California. Last year's Forum provoked many questions that needed the earnest deliberations and discussions evoked by the Forum. The broad overall perspective resulting from discussions by Labor leaders, management leaders, agriculture people and representatives of the general public are sure to have good influences in community life. We wish success to the *Chronicle's* Forum.

## Things to Think About

"We cannot refrain from speaking out against oppression for fear of making matters worse. Anyone who remains silent in the face of manifest evil is an accessory to the crime.

"Our only practical course is to fight just as hard and uncompromisingly for an equitable and democratic peace as Russia is fighting for her own inscrutable ends. We call upon our delegates to the European Peace Conference to be tough—tougher than Russia—in defense of the principles of freedom and justice for which our people fought and produced and sacrificed during the war."—George Meany, Secretary-Treasurer.

## Pictureless Cartoon

"Does Madam wish the shampoo?" inquired the ultra fashionable hair stylist.

"Indeed I do not. I desire a genuine poo or none at all!" flashed Madam.

## "Simplicity Is Not Brevity"

By RUTH TAYLOR

One day I was sitting in on a conference to plan out a most important booklet. It had been decided that the best thing to do was to make the text as simple as possible, so one person started to blue pencil the copy and cut out all superfluous phrases. There was an expert present, but he kept silent until the discussion as to what to omit was going strong. Then he said in an objective sort of drawl. "You know, simplicity is not brevity."

The more you think about that line—the more it strikes you.

Simplicity in writing is not in cutting down—it is in stating clearly exactly what you are trying to say. Simplicity in dress is not in brevity—it is in not having any trimming that doesn't serve a purpose or that means something. Simplicity in talking is not in speaking only in headline phrases. It is in having something to say, saying it in the most lucid possible language and in sticking to the subject.

Simplicity in living is just the same. It is not so much in omitting things from life, but in doing the things that are real. In concentrating on the worthwhile, not the tawdry, in living *with* a purpose and by a principle.

The men and women who observe that kind of simplicity are the ones who get things done. Because their minds are uncluttered by non-essentials, they are able to think a problem through and then find the solution. They are the people who have time to be kind. Out of the ordered neatness of their days, they have saved hours in which to help others. The biggest men I know are the ones who have time to listen. It's the little people who are "too busy."

Simplicity is a gift within the reach of any one. It is possible to so order your lives that you will have time to include all things you want to do. Just do the most important thing first. Once you do this, all the rest falls into line. You are not haunted by the things you have left undone. The unimportant things disappear of their own accord. You are always up to date. It's a simple rule of living—and it really works. Why not try it?

## Clarion Calls

By TEMPLE SNOOPER

Vacationing in Marvelous Marin this week and next is Minnette Fitzgerald . . . Just returned from a vacation fishing trip in Oregon is "Mac" McNally, who is not using the usual story of "the one that got away." Edna Calhan is down Hollywood way this week. Sporting a nice tan is Winifred Ellis, who acquired same on the Santa Cruz peninsula.

Best wishes for a speed recovery go to Jessie Anderson . . . who is recovering from a recent operation.

Jimmie Doyle is still awaiting a copy of his picture he sent a buck for. It appears Jimmie had his picture taken by one of those sidewalk "snappers." It looked good, so he sent the dollar for a larger one some four or five weeks ago. No soap. Could it be that James is going to be out a dollar bill or could it be that the Better Business Bureau might like the facts surrounding this funny business.

## Unemployment Typotrait

You will get weekly unemployment benefits during a lay-off period, provided you are eligible under your State law. The benefits are designed to tide you over the period between jobs, and to help maintain purchasing power in the community. The benefits are yours by right. Though your check is usually mailed to you, you must register for work regularly at the nearest government employment service office, and at the same time file a continued claim for unemployment benefits. In that way, you show you are willing and able to work, and available for work. For full details, see the unemployment compensation clerk in the nearest government employment service office.

## What Next?

Paul Siple, Army biogeographer, predicted in a General Electric science forum that "we may look forward to hot-weather suits made of mosquito netting, held from the body by means of spacers." In these mosquito-netting suits-to-come air flow will not be inhibited, yet the skin will be protected from direct solar radiation and visibility. Hence there will be the maximum utilization of air movement for comfort.

## Your Stake in World Affairs

QUES.—What are the exact powers of the present Peace Conference?

ANS.—According to the agreements made in Moscow and more recently in Paris, the conference will review all proposed peace treaties made by the Big Four, and make recommendations on these treaties which shall be taken into account by the Big Four.

## Community Chest Information Service

By FRANK FITZGERALD

Ques.—Only my mother knows a little of my story and the fact that I am writing to you. She doesn't know what to do, either, without telling my father about me. I would never let her do that. Instead, I want to leave home and work out my own problem.

Yes, I'm going to have a baby. I'm not married and I don't care if I ever see "him" again. I don't know what I'm going to do when the baby comes or who's going to take care of it. My father is very strict and he would never understand. That's why I don't want him to find out. The baby isn't due until February, so he doesn't know now. He doesn't have to find out, does he?

I'm 21 and healthy. If I could get a job for a couple of months, I know I could pay for living away from home. Some war bonds I have will pay for the baby. Do you know of a place where I could go?

Ans.—The Florence Crittenton Home, 376 20th avenue, San Francisco, is a Chest agency which takes care of girls in just your situation. Not only does this agency provide a home for you before the baby arrives, but it also will help you to plan for your child and yourself afterwards. To be sure of getting the care of this agency, you should make arrangements with the director in charge as soon as you possibly can so that she knows you are interested in going there. All information given her is confidential, of course.

If you are a Catholic and wish help at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 100 Masonic avenue, application should be made through Catholic Social Service. The Salvation Army, 101 Valencia street, offers its services through the Booth Memorial Hospital in Oakland. Both of these are Chest agencies.

(AFL members are invited to send inquiries on their personal or family problems to the Community Chest Information Service, 45 Second street, San Francisco 5; all inquiries should be addressed to the attention of Frank Fitzgerald.)

## Your Taxes and Mine

### Nuisance Taxes

By ARTHUR ELDER

A few cities, faced with inadequate revenues from their real estate taxes, have turned to local payroll taxes, local sales taxes, taxes on cigarettes, amusements and a great variety of nuisance taxes.

These nuisance taxes are, almost without exception, bad, because they are not based upon any consideration of ability to pay. The chief argument for them is that since they are indirect taxes, they are painless and people do not notice them.

One of the cities that has adopted the payroll tax is Toledo. This is a city with one of the lowest real estate tax rates in the Nation, its average tax rate being \$19.60 per \$1,000 valuation as against \$27.61 per \$1,000 valuation average tax rate levied in 213 cities in 1941. Workers in Toledo would be much better off under a reasonable increase in the property tax than they are through the adoption of a payroll tax.

If your community is playing with the idea of adopting local nuisance taxes, be sure to consider these facts:

—Is local property being fairly assessed and taxed?  
—If property is bearing a high tax burden, are not State-raised taxes on income, shared with cities and other local governments, preferable to local nuisance taxes that bear heavily on low income groups?

Some supporters of nuisance taxes argue that such taxes will draw revenue from so-called floaters, who work in the city, but don't live there. Aren't these people placing an unfair burden on such non-residents, who pay taxes where they live, and help contribute to the prosperity of the city where they work by producing in it, and by spending part of their income there? It will be a sorry day for these United States when its thousands of cities, towns, and villages set up tax laws that discourage free social or economic relations.

## Wisdom

Every territorial settlement must be in the interests of the populations concerned, and not a part of any mere adjustment or compromise of claims between rival states.—Woodrow Wilson.

## Curtin's Corner

By JOHN H. CURTIN

(Member of San Francisco Typographical Union)

The Communist Party seems to favor Organized Labor. . . . as much as Joe Stalin favors the five-day week.

The main difference between sense and nonsense is:

You talk sense. Anyone who disagrees talks nonsense. If possession of power always included the wit to use it, no man would be able to drive a mule.

The most beautiful sight in the world is an efficiency man . . . who has worked himself out of a job.

There are always those willing to give advice . . . in place of giving anything else.

## Tighter Control of GI On-the-Job-Training

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—Legislation has been recently enacted by Congress and signed by President Truman, authorizing the Veterans Administration to exercise tighter control over the on-the-job training section of the GI Bill of Rights.

The executive council of the California State Federation of Labor submitted to the 44th convention of the federation a "Statement on Veterans Problems" in which the need for such tighter control, in order to prevent chiseling by employers at the expense of veterans, was pointed out.

The new law sets definite standards for on-the-job training program. All such programs must be approved by State agencies co-operating with the Veterans Administration, in accord with the defined standards. The State agencies are required to get a written description of the training program, a statement of the salaries to be paid at all stages of training and other details from the training establishments before approving them. The State agencies are permitted to approve the program only if there is reasonable assurance of employment at the end of training, if credit is given for previous civilian and military experience and if other requirements are met.

Under the new law, despite the setting of definite standards and the use of State agencies for administering the program, the Veterans Administration has the responsibility for supervising veterans in on-the-job training to make sure that benefits are paid only if the courses meet the standards.

All financial costs of this program are to be met by the Veterans Administration which is empowered to reimburse the State agencies for all expenses.

The net effect of this law is to eliminate chiseling on the part of employers and to prevent the veteran from being mulcted by "fly-by-night" outfits which have risen solely in order to reap profits out of veteran benefits.

## Ah! Auto Vacations

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The American Automobile Association predicts a record-breaking number of highway vacationers this summer. In spite of lagging production of new passenger cars, shortages of parts and slow repair service, more Americans are on the highways than ever before. AAA predicts for the year 60 million people in 20 million cars will take highway vacations. Their purses will be six billion dollars lighter when they return home. If they have no more-than-normal troubles, they'll have 10 million flat tires, 7.5 million cases of ignition and battery trouble and three million "serious breakdowns."

## Local Stereotyper Dies

News of the death of Clarence John Miller in Seattle on July 27, was recently received at San Francisco headquarters of local Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union, No. 29. The late Mr. Miller was well known among the fraternity of newspaper stereotypers, for he worked on the *News* for over 25 years. A member of the union's sick list, he had not been in the best of health for many years following his retirement from the trade.

## Green NPA Trustee

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Chairman H. Christian Sonne of the National Planning Association announced the appointment of AFL President William Green as a trustee of the NPA. Other officers recently elected included M. H. Hedges, research director of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL).

Forty-three States and the District of Columbia have laws limiting the daily and weekly hours of employment of women in industry, with some exceptions noted in some instances. But five States—Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Iowa and West Virginia—do not have any such law.

## Hod Carriers, Laborers Plan Large Convention

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Close to 1,000 delegates are expected to attend the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers convention opening at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago September 4. This is one of the largest unions in the AFL, with a membership of more than a third of a million.

Reports of Joseph V. Moreschi, general president, other officers and the general executive board, will reflect the gains made by the organization, which registered the greatest progress in its history during the last five years.

During the war about 100,000 members of this union served in the armed forces. The convention will be preceded by a meeting of the executive board August 26, and a conference of international representatives.

## Deaths in Labor's Ranks

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Taylor, Frank—August 6; Carmen's 1380.  
Mead, Richard L.—August 7; Typographical 21.  
Welsh, James P.—August 7; Bricklayers' 7.  
Echenberger, Arthur B.—August 8; Molders' 164.  
Popoff, John M.—August 8; Boilermakers' 6.  
Kuhlman, Newell—August 9; Typographical 21.  
Fummerton, Lloyd J.—August 12; Bakery Wagon Drivers' 484.  
Kelly, James T.—August 11; Painters' 19.  
Brooks, Ollie Ethel—August 13; Retail Clerks' 1100.

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Miller, Clarence John—In Seattle, Wash., July 27; Stereotypers and Electrotypers' No. 29.  
Couloures, Peter—In Sonoma, Calif., August 7; Butchers' 115.  
Fwetsch, Sebastian—In Sonoma, Calif., August 7; Bakery Wagon Drivers' 484.  
Spencer, Oscar Joseph—In San Mateo, Calif., August 7; Machinists' 68.  
Eastman, William H.—In San Mateo, Calif., August 9; Material Drivers' 216.

## 106 Unions in New York

### Hospital Service Plan

NEW YORK (ILNS)—A total of 422,016 persons joined Associated Hospital Service—New York's Blue Cross Plan in the first six months of 1946, an increase of 117,936 or approximately 39 per cent over the first six months of 1945, and the highest total of new subscribers for any six-month period in the organization's history, according to Frank Van Dyk, vice-president. This brings the overall total to 2,549,585.

The addition of some 200 employers who contribute all or part of the subscription costs for their employees since the first of the year has brought the total contributing employers to approximately 2,000. With 26 union groups enrolled since January, unions participating in the service now total 106.

## Same Old Story—Poor Pay

PARIS (ILNS)—A 25 per cent wage increase for French government employees, who are among the most poorly paid workers in that country, has been granted by the government. Early approval by the French Constituent Assembly is expected. The long-delayed wage decision represents a victory for the C.G.T., French Confederation of Labor, which counts many public service and government workers unions among its affiliates. However, a number of questions remain unsettled, among them the issue of reclassification of government employees in higher wage brackets. The executive board of the French Labor Confederation, scheduled to meet in August, will also press demands for a similar 25 per cent pay raise in private industry, instead of the 18 per cent raise approved some weeks ago by the government.

## S.F. Cost of Living Passes War I Figure

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—In announcing the cost of living figures for July, the newspapers failed to point out one significant fact concerning these figures for San Francisco. Following OPA's demise on July 1, and when prices shot up alarmingly, the San Francisco indexes compiled by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics broke through the inflationary high levels reached following World War I.

In June 1946, the San Francisco food index of 172.1 was more than 4 points above the food index for June 1920, of 167.9. For the total cost of living, the June 1946 index of 143.9 was approximately 4 points above the June 1920 index of 139.0.

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics admits the indexes fail to show the full effect of wartime deterioration in quality and unavailability of low-priced consumer goods. This latter charge has been made persistently by the American Federation of Labor and the California State Federation of Labor, and only until recently did the BLS bow to this pressure in admitting these defects in their compilations.

Considering the present trends, and unless OPA does something to enforce a genuine price control policy, it can be anticipated that what has happened in San Francisco will happen throughout the country—a runaway and terrible inflation. To expect the workers to remain quiescent under such pressure which has wiped away what wage increases they have obtained and which has actually depressed their earnings, is not only an irresponsible attitude, but will endanger the whole process of reconversion. The solution to this problem is an effective price control policy, and nothing short of it will stave off chaos.

## Wine, Liquor Union Confab

MONTREAL (AFLN) — Members of the Wine, Liquor and Distillery Workers' International Union will open their annual convention here September 17. The convention this year faces a number of major issues, including a steadily increasing drive by dries in the United States, for a return to prohibition, the problem presented by the steady shrinkage of grain and new restrictions on distilling. Leaders of the union have prepared a draft of post-war plans for consideration by the full membership.

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## Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,  
President of Typographical Union No. 21

By a vote of 498 in favor to 340 opposed, the membership, at the referendum on last Friday, adopted the proposition to assess all overtime worked during the months of August and September, 1946. The assessment thus ordered was 33 per cent of all overtime earnings for the two months.

Twenty-two job chapels voted in favor of the proposition; five small job chapels returned an unfavorable vote by a margin of one or two, and surprisingly the vote on three of the larger newspapers was negative. However, proposition was adopted and became effective from August 1 and will continue in effect through September unless ordered rescinded or held in abeyance.

Richard L. Mead, who has been on the "sick list" for several months, passed away Wednesday, August 7. Mr. Mead had, in July, made application for admission to the Union Printers' Home, but died before admission was authorized. The deceased member was 40 years of age. A native of North Dakota, "Dick" had been a member of No. 21 since 1941 and prior to his illness was employed at Kohnke's. A widow and two daughters survive, as does also his brother, Earl, also a member of the local union. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 10 with later entombment in Holy Cross Cemetery.

F. N. (Percy) Kuhlman, died on Friday, August 9, just a few hours before he was to depart for Colorado Springs to enter the Union Printers' Home. Mr. Kuhlman was a native of Indiana, 53 years of age and had been a member of the International Union for 33 years. Mr. Kuhlman's widow, Minnie E. Kuhlman, survives. Funeral services were conducted from the mortuary of James H. Reilly on Monday, August 12.

On Thursday of last week M. E. (Mickey) Sebring of the Griffin chapel was late for work. Mickey's unusual tardiness was understandable. The previous evening, friends had tendered Mr. and Mrs. Sebring a surprise party honoring the thirty-first wedding anniversary of the still happily married couple. Mickey freely admits that only a woman of exceptional character (and patience) would have put up with his "printer oddities" over such a span of time. All who know Mrs. Sebring agree with Mickey. May they joyously celebrate many more anniversaries.

Seth R. Brown, president of Los Angeles Typographical Union, was a San Francisco visitor early in the week. Inasmuch as both job and newspaper scales are now "open" at Los Angeles, the executive committee of that local union deemed it advisable that their president obtain first-hand information as to conditions in the Bay Area, looking toward the future attainment of uniform wages, hours and conditions in the metropolitan centers of the State.

S. M. Samuel has donated to the Union the working card of his father, William Samuel, for the year 1889. The card issued by No. 21 almost three score years ago shows monthly dues of 60 cents and indicates that Charles W. Otis, as chairman of the local executive committee, collected and receipted for monthly dues.

If you aspire to be a well-dressed man throughout 1946, you can reasonably hope for one of two things: Either a new patch for your old pants or a shirt with a tail long enough to cover the spot where the patch ought to be.

## Bonuses Voted in Six States

CHICAGO (ILNS)—With enactment of bonus legislation for World War II veterans in three more States this year, six States now have made provisions for bonuses totaling close to \$1,000,000,000. The Federation of Tax Administrators reports that voters in Illinois, Rhode Island and New York must first approve recently enacted bonus legislation before it becomes effective. Massachusetts began paying a veteran bonus last year following such action by New Hampshire in 1943 and Vermont in 1942. Legislatures in Maine and Michigan are meeting in special session to consider vet bonus action.

## Unionization Pays Dividends

GREENFIELD, Ohio (ILNS)—Organization has paid off for employees of the Waddell Show Case Co. with negotiation of their first contract by Local 307, Upholsterers' International Union. The local's negotiators won a 10-cent hourly increase, paid vacations of from 1 to 2 weeks and jumping of the plant's minimum rate to 60 cents.

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## Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By J. ANN McLEOD

The next regular meeting of W.A. No. 21 will be held Tuesday evening, August 20, 1946, at Sagamore Hall, Red Men's Building, 240 Golden Gate avenue, at 8 o'clock. Owing to the absence of our Secretary, Grace Young, who is attending the I.T.U. Convention at Miami, Florida, Louise Abbott will act as secretary pro-tem. Members wishing to send in their dues may send them to either Louise Abbott, 859 Castro street or President Loraine Kriese, 1390-A Page street. All dues for this quarter must be in the hands of our International Secretary by August 31, so mail yours early.

The Executive Committee will meet at the home of J. Ann McLeod at 8 o'clock, Wednesday evening, August 14.

The Label Committee forwarded a collection of locally printed literature bearing the label to Grace Young to use for display at the convention. We are anxious for San Francisco to make a good showing.

Attention, Sunshine Committee; tiny Shirley Ann Haines, age 2, spent several days in Childrens Hospital for a slight lip operation. It was her big moment in a little life and calls for a pretty hair ribbon. Her grandfather, Bob Vernor, is in Texas and plans a tour all over the Panhandle State before returning home.

Mrs. Nancy Turner Druce reports that she has recovered from a serious illness and hopes to attend a meeting in the near future.

In answer to many inquiries, word has been received that Bertha and Beverly Bailey, wife and daughter of Joe Bailey, secretary-treasurer of Mailers' Union No. 18, have arrived in New York after a pleasant journey. Mr. and Mrs. M. Tienken, sister and brother-in-law, will entertain Bertha and Beverly during their stay in New York. Mr. Tienken, a member of many years of New York Typographical Union, No. 6, holds a situation in the composing room of the *New York Sun*. Bertha reports a surprise luncheon with friends during a stopover between trains in Chicago. Experiences to date in the New York metropolis include a visit to Coney Island, subway rides, Radio City and the Empire State Building. Also a much appreciated view of the Statue of Liberty from Manhattan Bridge. Bertha and Beverly will join Secretary Bailey at the home of his parents in Kansas City, Mo., following the close of the Miami convention of the I.T.U. The Baileys will return here by train in time for the opening of the fall school term.

Last weekend, Nora and Will Swensen received a surprise visit from their son, W. B. Swensen and his wife and daughter, Mary Helen. W. B. Swensen is past-president of Sacramento local of Typographical Union.

Mrs. Marke E. Nichols, of Salinas, is house guest of Louise and Clarence Abbott. Mrs. Nichols is awaiting "port call" from New York city so she can sail for Germany to join her husband who is Sgt.-Major Nichols in the Army of Occupation.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Porrazzo entertained their nephew, A. L. Hedges of La Crescenta, Calif., and Miss Mary Lee Carpenter of Los Angeles, with a get-together party to which both Miss Carpenter and Mr. Hedges invited shipmates and friends who served with them during the war. Both are veterans, Miss Carpenter was a nurse on the Hospital Ship Concord, which was hit by a suicide plane at Okinawa during the invasion.

## Union Printers Golf Association

By IMA HACKER

A new name goes on the championship cup—Cy Stright. Cy joins such past performers as "Mayor" Kimbrough, Ron Cameron (three times), Raph Iusi and Charles "Curly" Forst. Cy won 3 and 2, but not until after Lester "Sluggo" Brewster had made a game stand and wouldn't give up until the match reached the sixteenth. On the president's plaque the name of Art Linkous will appear as the 1946 winner. Art and Ben Apte whittled away at each other until Art sunk his putt on the fifteenth for a par 4 and Ben reached out and shook his hand. The margin was 4 and 3, but Ben, too, proved a tough cookie and was in there swinging right to the end. In fact, Ben was going so good he played out the bye holes to see what kind of a medal score he would have.

Now a word about the annual—the prizes are all bought and in hand and believe you me they are something worth shooting for. The committee feels it did a swell job, what with the limited selections on the market nowadays. Our old friend, Gus Cohen, came to the rescue and aided the committee in every possible way, even went so far as to donate a special prize of his own—and it's a beauty.

The committee had a nice pot of gold to work with and the prizes are such that everyone will envy the winners.

At the annual, Crystal Springs, progress is going right along—the course is being put in the best possible condition under the circumstances and arrange-

## Mailers' Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

Regular monthly meeting of Mailers Union No. 18 will be held at Labor Temple the coming Sunday.

It is learned a number of printers, along with ITU mailer members, have expressed their surprise over that "political opportunist," Max Burns, being appointed a member of Laws Committee, at ITU Convention, at Miami, Fla.

Doubtless many members of IMU and MTDU, with "knowing smiles," will "chuckle" to themselves over their former colleague, Max Burns, president of Detroit Mailers Union, having finally made the ITU pay roll as special ITU representative and member of the Laws Committee, ITU Convention, Miami.

The Burns appointment plays right into the hands of the IMU Mailers by sustaining their contentions of the IMU farces, in particular, that the ITU is chiefly concerned in the welfare of printer members, regardless of the fact of loyal mailer members of the ITU, with logic and persistence, having argued that all mailers should be affiliated with the ITU only, as an international.

The very apparent overlooking of loyal mailer members of the ITU, and appointment of a "political acrobat" like Burns, to one of the most important committees—the Laws Committee of the ITU Miami Convention, cannot be logically supported by any loyal mailer member of the ITU. And, it goes without saying that none knew this better than the promoters of the IMU themselves. In fact, no member of the ITU, be he printer or mailer, can logically defend the appointment of Burns, a "political opportunist," on Laws Committee, as being consistent with the announced policies of the Progressive Party of the ITU.

Alec McLeod recently attained his 50th milestone. The occasion was duly celebrated at the McLeod home by a birthday dinner, with a few invited friends. Ones like Alec, gifted with a refreshing sense of humor, never really grow old, but become "mellowed" with the passing years. Congratulations!

Harry Hager has returned to subbing on the *Chronicle*. Nick Spang, George Berthold and Phil Trau left last week-end on a three-day tour of the Feather River country to give their new motorcycles a real tryout. Nick, who is a fishing fan, took along the necessary equipment to try his luck in "whipping" the mountain streams for the sometimes elusive trout.

ments for the dinner are being supervised by Mrs. "Hank" Broderick, and she informs the secretary "all is well."

The date of the annual is August 25. Play will start at noon. The first tee will be turned over to our tournament directors at that time and it is promised there will be no delay. Play should be over in time for all to participate in the special events—ladies' putting, men's putting—for suitable prizes. Dinner, it is planned, will be served at approximately 6:30. So be there in time to get your shoes changed and face the tee at noon, and have your appetites ready at 6:30. Plans are all made and the rest is up to the crews at Crystal Springs Golf Club. See you there!

Last week the Forst brothers, "Fizzer" and "Curly," with some other hardy huntsmen, set out to bag a buck in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Seems "Fizz" was stationed at the mouth of a canyon while the others, with dogs, worked the sides and ravines, the object being to drive the buck or bucks to the canyon entrance where "Fizz" was to shoot it. Well, everything worked out as planned—except, when the buck ambled up to "Fizz" he had virtually to knock poor "Fizzer" out of the way. By the time "Fizz" realized that was the buck he was supposed to shoot the buck was well on his way to safety. "Fizz" took a couple of pot shots and the others in the party came on the run practically drooling for venison. "Where'd he fall?" "Fizz" replied that he didn't. "Curly" fairly screamed: "Jeez, didn't you hit him?" "Fizz": "I don't know." "Curly": "Was his tail up or down when you last saw him?" "Fizz": "Holy tomatoes! Was I supposed to watch for that, too?"

There was a sizeable gallery for the championship final. J. A. W. McDermott caddied for the winner. "Mayor" Kimbrough was captain of the ropes. "Doc" Schmieder acted as fore caddy and press agent on the side, and had the Harding Park regulars gaping and goggle-eyed with his stories of fabulous side bets and players' prowess. Others noted in the throng were "Curly" Forst and his lovely missus, Aphrodisia; Art Linkous' cute daughters, who swiped their dad's cap and wouldn't let him have it until he won, figuring his beautiful new cap was a jinx; Fred Bartell, who is a guest flight regular at printer tournaments; "Pinky" Pelhank, now working here out of St. Louis; "Steamer" Nicholson, "Blackie" Blackford, who got there late and without his pet pooch; a delegation of Hollywood starlets, who made with the glamour, and many others whose names escape us.

Well, that's about all for this time. Next week a new character will contribute the column, P. RACTICE SWING (no relation to the radio star, R. Gram Swing, just the same last name, that's all). Better order your *Labor Clarion* early!

Labor Clarion

# S.F. Labor Council

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The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday, at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.

## Synopsis of Meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, Held Friday, August 9, 1946

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Vice-President Rotell.

Roll Call of Officers—All present; Brother Armstrong acting as Vice-President. (President Shelley on leave of absence.)

Approval of Minutes—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in *Labor Clarion*.

Credentials—Referred to the Organizing Committee: United Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steam Fitters, No. 590; Henry L. Cerveau vice Charles Cox and Stuart Gould vice Ken Boyd; Waiters and Dairy Lunch Men's Union, Local 30, James P. Duggan vice T. L. Lester, Sam Taback vice George McDonald and Domingo Cassadella vice John McDonald, and Masters, Mates & Pilots, No. 40, H. B. Lampman vice J. P. Moran.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday, August 9, 1946). Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: San Francisco Web Pressmen's Union No. 4—David Belvel; Operating Engineers No. 39—Claude Fitch, and Florists, Landscapers, Golf & Nursery Workers, No. 167—Albert Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (Report of the Committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Communications—Filed: From Boilermakers Union, No. 6, an expression of appreciation for floral offering for Brother Kowalski. From Chairman of the Emergency Food-Fund Collection for Famine Relief expressing thanks for contribution. From Chauffeurs' Union No. 265 advising their membership had approved a donation of \$100.00 to the Community Chest. Check was enclosed. From Bartenders Union, No. 41, advising resolution with reference to Community Chest drive was concurred in unanimously. Letter from Teamsters' Joint Executive Council No. 7, also assured us of their support in the Community Chest drive and appointed Anthony Cancilla as co-ordinator to work with the committee. From the California State Federation of Labor, *Weekly News Letter*, dated August 7.

Bills were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

Donations—Emergency Food-Fund Collection—Beauticians No. 12—\$5.00. Red Cross—Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484—\$127.50. Community Chest—Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484—\$255.00. Chauffeurs No. 265—\$100.00.

Resolution—From the Council of City Employees proposed resolution endorsing the charter amendment to liberalize the present retirement system of city employees. Motion made and seconded that the resolution be endorsed. (See resolution on Page 8, column 2.)

Referred to the Executive Committee—From Beautician's No. 12 asking that the Shangri La Beauty Salon be placed on the "Do Not Patronize" list, asserting they are unfair to Organized Labor because of their refusal to pay dues. They also ask the aid of the Laundry Drivers No. 256 in organizing Beauty Shops in San Francisco. From the Council of City Employees outlining their plan for a concerted campaign to organize the City Employees.

Report of the Executive Committee—(Meeting held Monday, August 5.) Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Rotell. Roll was called and absentees noted. In the matter of the Printing Specialties and Paper Converters No. 362, requesting strike sanction against the Eastman Tag and Label Company, 548 Fourth street, present representing the union were: Brothers Maltester, Riordon and Fiore; Mr. Hanrahan represented the Employers' Council. This matter is the negotiation of a new contract and your committee appointed a sub-committee consisting of Brothers O'Connell and Dougherty to act with the representatives of the union in assisting in the negotiation of the contract. A meeting will be held Tuesday, August 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Council. The matter of the Laundry and Cleaning Drivers No. 256, requesting strike sanction against the Laundry Owners Association. This also has to

do with the negotiation of a new agreement. Brothers Vaughn and Regan represented the union. Messrs. Wyman, Dooley and others represented the association. This matter was referred to Brothers O'Connell and Johns, to work with the Laundry Drivers No. 256, to meet with the employers in an endeavor to bring about an adjustment. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Report of the Joint Day Parade Committee—(Meeting held Thursday, August 8.) Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Rotell. Roll was called and absentees noted. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Boilermakers No. 6 reported that they will have a band and a float in the parade. The Electricians will be present in numbers and will have three floats. The Sailors will have two floats and a band of 30 pieces. Grocery Clerks No. 648 reported as having a float in the parade. The Union Label Section reported that they will distribute 4,000 banners exemplifying the Union Label and union services; these will be distributed to all unions in the line of march. It was moved and seconded that the San Mateo Sheriff's Posse be invited to participate in the Labor Day Parade; motion carried. Nominations for Grand Marshal were called and the name of Thomas Rotell was presented; there being no opposition, Brother Rotell was elected as Grand Marshal. It was moved and seconded that the chair be empowered to appoint the necessary aides to the Grand Marshal; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Report of the Strategy Committee—(Meeting held Thursday, August 8.) Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy Committee of the Departmental Councils, called for the purpose of appointing a man to represent the American Federation of Labor at the USES Office, 1690 Mission street, San Francisco. Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Vice-President Rotell of the Labor Council. Those present were Brothers St. Peter, Grosetti, St. Angelo, Johnson, Daugherty, Smith, Noriega, Bailey, Ryan, White, Rotell, O'Connell, Sweeney, York, Moss, Otto, Murphy, Johns, Hare, Schlesinger, Vail and Manning. Brother White explained the work of a liaison man having a desk in the USES Employment Office. His duties would consist of taking care of veterans and others seeking employment through that office. The CIO has had a man employed there for some time. They are paying his salary. At the conclusion of Brother White's explanation, a general discussion was indulged in by all present. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Strategy Committee recommend the appointment of a man to take care of the AFL in this capacity at a salary of \$80.00 a week, to be paid by the Labor Council; his appointment to be made by the Executive Committee of the Council. Motion carried. It was moved that a necessary budget be established to pay the salary and expenses of this employee for a period of one year; the Council to be reimbursed when the budget is established for whatever outlay it may make. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12 noon. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

Guest Speaker—Mr. Jack M. Botts, of the U.S. Treasury Department gave a forceful talk on the danger of inflation and how this might be averted through the regular purchase of United States Savings Bonds. He appealed to each of us to return to the thrifty habits learned during the war years, and pointed out that this could best be accomplished through the payroll deduction plans offered by a large number of employers. Mr. Botts was accompanied by Mr. J. T. Turner, who also gave a talk.

New Business—Grand Marshal Thomas Rotell appointed the following aides for the Labor Day Parade: Edward McLaughlin, Anthony Cancilla, A. C. Armstrong and Joseph Roberts. Delegates from

## Bay Area Labor Week

AUGUST 7—Hook and Dillon's CIO claim before NLRB for jurisdiction in some local machine shops closed after three days' presentation . . . AFL Warehousemen recently concluded a contract with their employers; neither party signed; No. 860 now, in face of present skyrocket costs, are asking \$1 day increase; an arbiter will be chosen in this case.

AUGUST 8—Longshore Union and waterfront employers confer on new coastwide contract . . . CIO cannery unions charged with being communistic controlled as AFL opened campaign to protect their contracts in forthcoming NLRB elections involving 60,000 workers.

AUGUST 9—Court rules CIO ballots can be counted in bargaining election among telephone workers . . . big shot CIO leaders in California for cannery bargaining elections.

AUGUST 10—Telephone workers of State voted CIO as collective bargaining union, according to Marie Demartini, Telephone Traffic Employees' organization president.

AUGUST 11—Coos Bay port "freeze" may close lumber mills in that vicinity . . . efforts to be made August 12 to end butchers' San Mateo county dispute . . . garage workers strike in Marin county ended with journeymen mechanics receiving \$1.62½ per hour, and metal workers \$1.75; agreement retroactive to July 1.

AUGUST 12—CIO brewery workers placed a picket line around Wieland Brewery in San Jose; AFL workers maintained their contract by crossing the line . . . nothing new developed in San Maeto butchers meeting with shop owners; however, Milton Maxwell stated that picketing might become general if dealers did not stop stalling on the time and half pay for the sixth day.

AUGUST 13—First ship loading in Coos Bay for many weeks was loaded by CIO longshoremen . . . AFL Carpet, Linoleum and Tile Workers, No. 1290, struck over contract dispute in which the union is asking for an increase of \$2 per day.

Electrical Workers No. B-1245 announced their local would parade with Electrical Workers No. 6. Communication from Joint Board of Culinary Workers giving positions of their affiliated unions in the parade was referred to the Joint Labor Day Parade Committee. Motion was made and seconded and carried that the Strategy Committee meet on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and that all affiliated unions be notified to send a delegate. Secretary O'Connell read charges preferred by the AFL Council of City Employees against Delegate Daniel P. Murphy. Motion was made and seconded that appropriate section of Constitution be read relative to jurisdiction of Council in taking action on such charges. Delegate Murphy was recognized by the Chair and refuted all charges made against him. Motion was made and seconded that Delegate Murphy stand trial by a committee. Delegate Murphy requested that Chairman Rotell appoint the committee, such appointments being taken under advisement by Chairman Rotell. Delegates will be notified by the Secretary.

Convention Call—Nominations were opened to send a delegate to the American Federation of Labor Convention to be held in Chicago, commencing October 7. Anthony Costa of Chauffeurs No. 265 was nominated, and the nominations were closed to be reopened at the next regular meeting of the Labor Council.

Receipts, \$1,527.50; Disbursements, \$402.95.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

—JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

## WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of labor unions and sympathizers are requested to note this list carefully from week to week:

Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 844 Market, 119 Kearny.  
Advance Pattern Company, 552 Mission.  
American Distributing Company.  
Austin Studio, 833 Market.  
Becker Distributing Company.  
Bruener, John, Company.  
B & G Sandwich Shops.  
California Watch Case Company.  
California Chocolates Company, 137 Grant avenue.  
Chan Quon, photo engraver, 680 Clay.  
Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia), publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman," "Holiday."  
Doran Hotels (Include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central,

1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).  
Drake Cleaners and Dyers.  
Farmer Bros.' Coffee.  
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.  
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.  
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 - 16th St.  
General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.  
Goldstone Bros., Manufacturers of overalls and working men's clothing.  
Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.  
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.  
Navaleet Seed Company, 423 Market.  
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co., Products, Los Angeles.  
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.  
Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.  
Romana Photo Studio, 220 Jones.  
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.

Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo Ave., Oakland.  
Sloane, W. & J.  
Smith, L. C., Typewriter Company, 545 Market.  
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.  
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.  
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.  
Swift & Co.  
"Time" and "Life" (magazines), products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).  
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.  
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.

All non-union independent tailors.

Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.

Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hair-

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## State Employment Rise Result of Cannery Work

Reflecting seasonal expansion in canning, manufacturing employment in California increased sharply in July, Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations, announced.

Estimates based on preliminary reports indicated that the number of production workers in all manufacturing industries combined rose to 471,600 in July from 444,600 in June. The current level of factory employment is 51 per cent above July 1940 when 311,300 wage earners were employed in California manufacturing industries.

Employment in nondurable goods industries reached 217,900 production workers in July, the highest July level for this group in the history of the State. The number of wage earners at work in these industries this July compares with 192,800 in June and 147,900 in July 1940.

Vacation shutdowns in apparel manufacturing plants resulted in a decrease in July of approximately 1,000 production workers from the all-time high of 31,100 established in June.

According to preliminary returns, wage-earner employment in durable goods industries as a whole increased to 253,700 in July from 251,800 the previous month, reflecting moderate gains in the iron and steel, aircraft, furniture, nonferrous metal, automobile, and stone, clay, and glass industries. In July 1940, durable goods industries employed 163,400 production workers.

## Seek to Avert Industry Collapse

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—In a three-pronged drive to avert an imminent collapse in shoe production, the Government initiated swift moves to break through a leather tie-up being forced on the Nation by hide speculators. Reconversion Director John A. Steelman, following a White House conference attended also by OPA Administrator Paul A. Porter and Civilian Production Administrator John Small, affirmed the Administration's pledge to protect consumers against "gouging" by speculators and force out increased supplies of leather which have been withheld for higher ceiling prices. The Justice Department was requested to investigate reports of an industry "conspiracy" to withhold all hides from the market until OPA could be made to revise its price ceilings or consent to de-control of hides and leather.

## Teacher Wins Scholarship

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—On recommendation of the American Federation of Labor, Miss Mildred Boyd of Bogalusa, La., was awarded a year's scholarship by the Fellowship Awards Committee appointed by Surgeon General Thomas Parran of the U.S. Public Health Service. Miss Boyd is an active member of the Federation of Teachers (AFL) and a graduate of Louisiana State University. A former physical therapist in the WAC, she was recommended for the award by her union and will enter the University of North Carolina in September. Each year one scholarship is earmarked for a person nominated by the AFL.

## Local Exports, Imports

The San Francisco-Oakland Customs District led the entire Pacific Coast in exports and imports handled during April, 1946, it was reported August 9 by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Bay Area exports were valued at \$18,304,000, or 36 per cent of the total shipments from five Pacific Coast customs districts. Imports increased 41 per cent over March. Value of imports in the San Francisco-Oakland Customs District was \$8,070,000.

## AFL Convention Delegates

Nominations were opened August 9 for delegate from the San Francisco Labor Council to the convention of the AFL in Chicago. Anthony Costa of Chauffeurs No. 265 has been nominated. Final nominations will be made at the council's meeting August 15.

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## Resolution

Whereas, in the present retirement system of the City and County of San Francisco, established 26 years ago, in which the employee pays one-half the cost, over 83 per cent of all employees retired receive from the City and County less than the amount granted to recipients of public old age relief; and

Whereas, by the retirement of the older employees, opportunities will be created for World War Two veterans and other young personnel;

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council in co-operation with the Retirement League and many public-spirited organizations and citizens of San Francisco, urges the adoption of a Charter Amendment by the voters on Tuesday, November 5, 1946, liberalizing the present retirement system.

The above resolution was introduced by the AFL Council of City Employees and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council at its regular meeting August 9.

## 'Yellow Dog Contracts' for Federal Workers Face Court

NEW YORK (ILNS)—Recent Congressional riders to departmental appropriations bills requiring federal employees to sign statements that they will never belong to a Labor organization asserting the right to strike will be opposed in a court test by the American Civil Liberties Union as "yellow dog contracts."

ACLU has received numerous inquiries from federal employees as to their rights when asked to sign statements in line with the riders, and is preparing a test case. Victor Rotnem, Washington attorney and former chief of the Civil Rights Section, Department of Justice, will act as counsel for Mrs. Laura Barton who was suspended by the Department of Agriculture for refusing to sign the statement. Issue will be whether or not the constitutional right to strike applies to government employees, aside from those in vital positions like firemen and policemen.

## 'Political Picketing'

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Weakening of picketing as an economic weapon of unionism is inferentially predicted by *The Machinist*, official weekly newspaper of the International Association of Machinists, in a recent issue. The paper asks, "Is Labor using good judgment with its promiscuous use of picketing?" and continues: "Is it, by using the device for political and other purposes, weakening the weapon that is such a valuable one in gaining just treatment at the hands of employers? Will such activities encourage further legislative curbs on picketing? What brings these questions up is the story from San Francisco that 175 pickets paraded in front of the headquarters of the national victory convention of the Shrine. They were protesting against the refusal of a bag manufacturing company to sign an agreement. It seems that the manager of the company happened to be a Shriner."

## "Don't" For Brazilian Labor

RIO DE JANEIRO (ILNS)—Brazilian labor unions are forbidden to engage in political activities or "propaganda for doctrines that are incompatible with the national institutions and interests," according to a decree signed by President Enrico Gaspar Dutra. The labor movement of Brazil is also barred from affiliating to or maintaining relations with international organizations, without previous authorization of the national parliament. The government further ruled that union headquarters cannot be used as meeting places for political gatherings or leased to political parties for such purposes.

As the *Labor Clarion* goes to press, Grand Marshal Thomas Rotell appointed the following aides to assist him in the Labor Day parade: Brothers Edward McLaughlin, Anthony Cancilla, A. C. Armstrong and Joseph Roberts.

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## June Retail Sales Up 22 Per Cent in Year

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—June retail sales are estimated at \$7,700,000,000, or 22 per cent above a year ago, the Commerce Department announced. Durable goods sales gained 60 per cent and non-durable goods sales were up 15 per cent.

A decline in food store sales in June, reflecting shortages of meats, fats, bread and canned goods, was the chief factor in holding down over-all sales to about the May level, the Department said. In the second quarter of this year, as in the first, durable goods stores recorded heaviest gains over the comparable 1945 period, while sales in the automotive group were almost double those of the like 1945 period.

Home furnishing groups were up 64 per cent; building materials and hardware up 49 per cent, while jewelry sales were up 28 per cent over last year. Filling station, apparel and general merchandise recorded increases of about 30 per cent and food and drug stores gained approximately 20 per cent.

## Overtime Wages Paid

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Legislation signed by President Truman will give more than a million Government workers overtime pay, retroactive to 1934. The money is provided in the third deficiency appropriation. Most of those who will get the back pay are or were employed in Army and Navy installations throughout the country, but many of the beneficiaries of the new legislation are in the Government Printing Office, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Naval Gun Factory here.

The legislation, submitted to Congress by the controller general, authorizes Government agencies to pay this overtime direct to their employees or former employees instead of sending their claims through the General Accounting Office. Between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 people will receive the overtime.

## Strike Notices Filed

CHICAGO (ILNS)—Strike notices in behalf of Locals 100 and 2 of the Bakers and Confectionary Workers International Union were filed here as union members voted to demand a 35-cents-an-hour pay raise in large bakeries and wholesale shops. Gilbert B. Mann, president of Local 100, Factory Bakers Union, said a strike would be called at midnight, September 16, if a satisfactory agreement was not reached. More than 1,500 bakers at plants and shops which produce about 80 per cent of Chicago's bread are involved. If the union's demands are met, the scale for day workers will be from \$1.13 to \$1.45 an hour.

## British Weekly Wage

LONDON (ILNS)—Average weekly earnings of British workers—skilled and unskilled—early in 1946 amounted to 5 pounds and 14 sh. (about \$24) for men and 2 pounds and 19 sh. (\$12) for women, according to a national survey of the Ministry of Labor. This includes overtime, night work as well as piece work bonuses. Though post-war British wages seem appallingly low by American standards, they represent 65 per cent increase over 1938 for men and a 84 per cent increase for women.

## Justice in Lynching Asked

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—In a wire to President Truman, Charles G. Bolte, national chairman of the American Veterans Committee, asked that immediate steps be taken to bring the Monroe, Ga., lynchers to justice and to assure against any possible repetition of this crime "so that our children, in the kind of a world they deserve to inherit, may some day be able to think of the shame of Monroe only as a tragic milestone on the path toward progress."

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